

REMARKS

Claim 24 is allowed. Claim 20 is objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim 19 but would be allowable if rewritten. Purely to expedite prosecution, and without acquiescing in any objection or rejection, Applicants have incorporated claim 20 into claim 19. Entry of this amendment under Rule 116 is respectfully requested insofar as it places the claims in condition for allowance. Claim 23 is objected to in view of the restriction requirement; that claim is cancelled herein in view of the restriction, and unrelated to patentability. Moreover, to accelerate prosecution, and without acquiescing in any rejection, Applicants have also cancelled claims 21-22. Applicants believe that the amendments herein place this application in condition for allowance.

Addressing the Section 112, first paragraph rejection, while it is mooted by amendment, Applicants refer to the previously presented reasons why claims 19 and 22 are enabled by the present application (see November 6, 2007 amendment, pages 5-7). The present application provides much, much more than a germ of an idea, with greater than reasonable detail, many working examples, and a repeatable process for making and screening additional variants. As to the Examiner's reliance on *In re Giolito* and *Ex parte Balzarini*, Applicants submit such law concerns patent claims of "other patent applicants," and so is not relevant to the '056 patent or current claims, each by the same applicant. Applicants further submit that the 102(e) rejection of claims 19-22 is in error, as explained at pages 7-8 of the November 6, 2007 amendment, but again is moot in view of the amendment herein.

Statement of Related Cases

The following applications are related to the above-identified application:

U.S. Application Serial No. 11/941,750, filed November 16, 2007;

U.S. Application Serial No. 11/947,982, filed November 30, 2007; and

U.S. Application Serial No. 12/033,642, filed February 19, 2008.

Serial No.: 10/757,863

Other US patents or applications related to the above-identified application have been cited by US patent or publication number in IDS(s) of record, or in the IDS filed herewith. Applicants request that the Office consider each of these related patents or applications with respect to the above application.

Early receipt of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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